

BANKRUPTCY RING INDICTMENTS NEAR

Federal Grand Jury to Act if
Expected Confessions
Are Made.

MANY IN BIG SWINDLE

Fake Failures Cunningly De-
vised to Swindle Creditors
—Banks Lose.

The bankruptcy ring, composed of lawyers and business men who have defrauded merchants, banks and other creditors not only in this city but in New England, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, is being smashed by United States Attorney H. Snowden Marshall.

After a long investigation of the methods of the ring, with the aid of assistants, Federal agents, expert accountants and detectives, the United States Attorney has a great mass of evidence, part of which he has laid before a Federal Grand Jury. He has also caused the arrest of several men supposed to be connected with the conspiracy.

Confessions are obtained from men who are suspected and are expected to be obtained after examination. It is believed that the Grand Jury may indict several important men in the ring this week after the return of the United States Attorney from Washington, where he went on Saturday night.

Will Stop Fake Receiverships.
While indictments will do much to break up the activities of the ring, facts gathered for Mr. Marshall will enable him to put a stop to fake receiverships. There are a great many of these every year, and they result in almost complete loss to the creditors.

Lawyers who have filed complaints with the United States Attorney in behalf of defrauded creditors said yesterday that some time ago a great majority of the receivership cases in the Federal court here. This study has extended also to courts in other Federal districts.

For instance, investigators have noted the names of receivers and their attorneys, and also the names of bankrupts and the attorneys for bankrupts. There are of course lawyers who make a legitimate specialty of bankruptcy business. A comparison, however, has been made of the amount of assets and liabilities in many instances with the amount on the dollar paid to creditors.

After comparisons had been made and studied carefully startling facts appeared in the cases of several lawyers and receivers, for almost invariably when these men appeared in a case the assets of the bankrupt seemed to shrink away to practically nothing, so that the creditors were compelled to be content with a few cents on the dollar.

Allies Throughout Country.
In several cases there already had been complaints filed with the United States Attorney concerning the disappearance of assets and an appeal for criminal investigation. Probing further it was found that trails led to New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other States. The investigators found that the members of the ring had allies throughout the country.

Investigation in New Jersey some time ago disclosed the fact that many millions of dollars had been stolen from creditors through receiverships. The inquiry here showed that the amount stolen yearly in this city exceeded the millions of Jersey. In one case supposed assets of almost \$500,000 vanished. Banks have been heavy sufferers.

Men who have studied the intricate workings of the bankruptcy trust think that the system was devised by one keen mind after years of experience in the bankruptcy courts. The tricks and devices to outwit the creditors, they believe, must be the result of long familiarity with bankruptcy proceedings.

In the bankruptcy ring, it is charged by the investigators, are crooked bankrupts, crooked lawyers, crooked accountants, crooked witnesses, all ready to help in the hiding of assets and the cheating of the creditors. It is said that various schemes have been devised to fit different kinds of business.

How Swindlers Operate.
One scheme that has been used in this city, investigation shows, is to have accountants go over the books of a going concern and mark up the assets many times. On the basis of that statement it is possible for the business man to get increased credit. He orders as much as his credit will stand, sometimes even more, for manufacturers are not always quick in reporting to respective credit agencies the total amount of a buyer's orders.

The next step is for the buyer to ship a great amount of goods away to a fake purchaser and apparently take the note of this "customer" for three months. In other words the man about to go into bankruptcy forces a note to himself and puts it among the assets after having sold the goods. The actual money which he receives for the goods he hides, sometimes probably with his lawyer, under whose direction he is working.

Search for Note Makers Fails.
By similar devices most of the goods in a store are disposed of and then everything is in readiness for the filing of a bankruptcy petition. The receiver is usually sought by the bankrupt's attorney, as also is the attorney for the receiver, so that there is always harmony in the work of taking care of the assets.

Investigations that have been made by Federal authorities show that search for the makers of notes often has proved fruitless. Often, too, the names of persons to whom the bankrupt says he has shipped goods prove to be merely names, nothing more.

There have been many instances of receivership in this city following the failure of some of the firms practically all the goods were moved away. Likewise receiverships have followed robberies that were devised by the prospective bankrupt himself.

TO ABANDON TRINITY CHAPEL.

Vestry Will Close 25th Street Edifice—Vicar Is Transferred.

Trinity parish has decided to abandon Trinity Chapel, in Twenty-fifth street, just west of Broadway. The Rev. William T. Manning, rector of Trinity, made the announcement at yesterday morning's service.

Dr. Manning announced another decision of the vestry—the choice of the Rev. John Mockridge, vicar of Trinity Chapel since November, 1910, to be vicar of Trinity. He will enter upon his new duties at once.

The work of Trinity Chapel will be transferred to some other part of the city, just where has not yet been settled, Dr. Manning said.

"The population that the chapel has served is moving away in great numbers," he said. "It is no longer possible to carry on efficient church work at this point."

"If it were simply a change in the nature of the population, we would change our methods to meet new conditions, as has been done at other of our chapels. But this neighborhood is no longer a residence center."

The Trinity Chapel property fronts 175 feet on West Twenty-fifth street and 150 feet on West Twenty-sixth street.

Dr. Manning did not say if the parish intended to sell the chapel site, but probably that is the purpose the vestry has in mind.

SEES BROTHER DIE IN FILM BATTLE, FAINTS

Audience in Riot as Movies of
Crack Greek Regiment
Are Shown.

Thousands of Greeks in Weber's Theatre, at Twenty-ninth street and Broadway, last night stood in their seats and yelled "Zito" which is like our "Hurrah," when the Euzones, the crack regiment of Greek Infantry, went marching by in Robert Schwob's stirring movies, "With the Greeks on the Firing Line."

Dimitri Orfanos, a fruit pedler of 10 Morris street, was among the loudest of the shouters at one of the shows until a certain file of the soldiers went charging up a hill into a rain of Turkish bullets. "Constantine!" cried Dimitri loudly to one of them, as he recognized his brother, a private of the Euzones. The ranks went on and Dimitri watched Constantine as long as he could see him, firing at the enemy and pressing to the front. Finally, near the end of the film, the brother disappeared. Then Dimitri fainted.

Schwob's pictures, for the excellence of which he was decorated by the German Emperor and the Greek King, are actual movies of the recent war. Weber's house, as ordinarily, but the 5,000 or more Greeks massed outside at 2 o'clock when the show was to begin wouldn't heed that. They rushed the entrance, broke windows, pushed the ticket booth across the lobby and literally took possession of the place.

Finally Sergeant Edward Keating and the reserves from the West Thirtieth street station managed to restore some kind of order, but had to keep working hard until 9 o'clock last night, when most of the eager Greeks had seen the pictures.

"SLOGGER WILLIAMS" DEAD.

B. O. Jones Original of Character in
"Tom Brown's School Days."

LONDON, Jan. 25.—B. O. Jones, the original of Slogger Williams in "Tom Brown's School Days," is dead. Jones acted some time ago that he remembered the fight described in the book, but declared he won, because when the headmaster arrived Brown had fainted.

The Rev. Augustus Orlebar, who died two years ago, was the original of Brown, at least so far as the fight was concerned.

TO SHIP ORE BY PARCEL POST.

Mail Carriers in Mining Districts
Face Hard Problems.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 25.—The mail carrier on the route between Stites and Elk City, Idaho, got notice last week that three mines in the Elk River district will ship three carloads of concentrates in fifty-pound packages by parcel post this month to the smelter at Butte. A requisition will be obtained from the Post Office Department, authorizing the carrier to employ freighters.

Mines in the Elk River district expect soon to ship all their concentrates by parcel post instead of by freight as in the past.

MILWAUKEE'S TRADE PICKS UP.

Business in the machinery trade is picking up, and that is Milwaukee's greatest industry in the number of men employed. One firm asked for sixteen additional men and five trained men, while requests for a hundred others came from different firms.

The paving companies which have city contracts to start in the early spring have notified the State bureau they will need about 3,000 men and the street work in cities up the State is also to provide employment for many men.

There is also an indication of resumption of activity in the calls from foundries for pattern makers. Yesterday the bureau provided work for sixteen pattern makers and twice that number of helpers.

TOM TAGGART FOR SENATOR.

Indiana Democratic Leader Will Oppose Shively.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 25.—Thomas Taggart, Indiana's member of the Democratic National Committee, will be a candidate for the United States Senate against Senator B. F. Shively before the Democratic State convention when it meets in this city on March 19. The announcement was made here to-day.

ANTI-TRUST BILLS TO BE MUCH CHANGED

Wilson's Proposal as to Holding
Companies Is Worried
Legislators.

MANY OBJECTIONS ARISE

Newlands Calls Sunday Confer-
ence—Commodity Sales
Feature Questioned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—In the course of conferences held by members of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee and Democratic members of the House Judiciary Committee the fact has been emphasized that the bills agreed on and made public are far from being the last word from the Administration leaders on trust legislation.

When these bills were given out the statement was made that they were only tentative. At every conference some new objection has been raised to one or more of the bills and it is now conceded by the Democratic leaders in Congress that the proposed legislation will be changed materially.

The conferences were continued to-day at the country home of Senator Newlands, chairman of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce. The Senator invited his colleagues on the Interstate Commerce Committee and Representatives Clayton, Carlin and Floyd, the sub-committee of the House Judiciary Committee, to a luncheon and after it trust legislation was discussed freely. Senators Robinson of Arkansas, Pomeroy of Ohio, Thompson of Kansas, Saulsbury of Delaware, Thomas of Colorado and Meyers of Montana were present.

There was some discussion of the legislation necessary to control or prohibit holding companies, and while suggestions were made as to the language to be used there were no final conclusions. It is apparent that this proposal in the President's message is giving the legislators the most concern, inasmuch as it is considered by many as the most vital suggestion made by Mr. Wilson.

Bill Soon to Be Drafted.
It is expected that a tentative draft of a section of one of the bills to meet this question will be made public within a few days.

At the conference the advisability of holding joint sessions of the Senate and House committees to give hearings on the proposed legislation was considered, but was far from being settled when the conference broke up.

Senator Newlands is much in favor of joint hearings. He believes that it would expedite the passage of the bill. Some of the House members are not inclined to favor it.

The hearings will not be so extended as those accorded by the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce last year. There is no disposition to go over beaten paths. The printed hearings have been considered by the committee and some suggestions have been practically rejected. Judge Gary's recommendation in favor of a commission to fix prices has found no favor. The matter of regulating issues of stocks and bonds is not receiving much attention. The principal demand for government supervision of the issues of securities has been directed against the alleged overcapitalization of interstate carriers, and the members of the committee look upon the subject as being so closely related to the question of valuation that it probably will wait upon the work of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is now just entering upon the task of taking the value of the physical properties of interstate transportation companies.

Trade Relations Bill Questioned.
The trade relations bill has been questioned as to some of its features in the conference, particularly as to the requirement that a seller of commodity shall sell to all would-be purchasers on equal terms. Some of the committee consider it doubtful legislation to deny a seller the right to select his customers. The power of Congress to pass such a law has been questioned.

It was said to-night by one member of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce that the trust legislation probably would not be perfected until after the hearings are ended, and he expressed the belief that some changes would be made in the bill as a result of the hearings.

In Senator Newlands's home to-day there was renewed discussion as to which committee of the Senate should have jurisdiction of the bills. Some Senators were willing to concede that on any question involving the constitutional power of Congress to legislate the Judiciary Committee ought to take charge.

As to questions relating purely to interstate commerce the Senators who are members of that committee insist that the committee retain jurisdiction of the bill. The question may be solved by having the Interstate Commerce Committee consider all the bills and then refer their work to the Judiciary Committee to pass on the questions of constitutional power.

The idea of consolidating the four bills into one measure to expedite the legislation is also gaining popularity.

WIFE CHECK SIGNER NO FORGER.

Judge Decides She Can Write Husband's Name and Draw Money.

DENVER, Jan. 25.—A wife who signs her husband's name to checks on a bank in which he has money deposited is not a forger, Judge George W. Allen decided yesterday in the District Court.

Mrs. Ada Wright, plaintiff in a divorce suit against P. Carson Wright, a business man, was arrested after she signed her husband's name to two checks. She told the court that her children were in need and that her husband had failed to provide for them.

The judge said that she not only was within the law but that her act was proper. The case against her was dismissed and Wright was ordered to make good the checks.

JOE JOHNSON UNDER KNIFE.

Ex-Fire Commissioner Operated on
for Appendicitis.

Joseph Johnson, former Fire Commissioner and manager of Judge E. E. McCall's Mayoralty campaign, underwent an operation for appendicitis at 6:30 last evening in Miss Alston's House for Private Patients, 26 West Sixty-first street. His condition early to-day was critical, but Dr. John F. Erdmann, who performed the operation, hoped for the recovery of his patient.

"The appendix," said Dr. Erdmann, "was one of the largest I have ever seen."

While Mr. Johnson's condition is serious, a look for his recovery. The operation was most imperative.

Mr. Johnson has complained for more than a year of pains in the region of the appendix. He was urged to see a physician, but gave the trouble little consideration.

The pain became acute yesterday and Dr. Erdmann was called. Within an hour Mr. Johnson was on his way in a private ambulance from his apartment in the Buckingham Palace, 547 West 147th street, to Miss Alston's Sanitarium.

SEVENTEEN YACHTS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Pulitzer's Mystery Is Among
Boats Lost When Motor
Firm Burns.

PORT WASHINGTON, L. I., Jan. 25.—Many valuable hydroplanes, sloops and speedily cruising boats, stripped and laid up for the winter, were destroyed to-day in a fire which burned to the ground the plant of the Stationary and Marine Motor and Supply Company. The total loss, including the boats and the plant, was estimated by Arthur W. Jones, treasurer of the company, at \$200,000.

Among the boats which were stored in the building was Ralph Pulitzer's Mystery. valued at \$15,000, and the Bullet, an 80 foot boat valued at \$25,000 belonging to Thomas B. Taylor. Mr. Pulitzer used the Mystery to carry him between his summer home at the upper end of Manhasset Bay and New York. Mr. Taylor also lost another boat, the Playaway.

The Port Washington and Manhasset Bay yacht clubs, which are on either side of the burned building, were threatened. Thomas Lillis, president of the motor company, is the heaviest loser. He lost a boat, the L'Amantola; all the machinery of the shop, valued at \$200,000, and about thirty assembled motors and castings.

Other boats destroyed were the 80 foot Leader, owned by Commodore Stephen H. Mason of the Manhasset and vice-president of the Mason-Seaman Transportation Company; the Betsey, Commodore B. C. Gould of the Port Washington Yacht Club; the Gar, William F. Blaisdell, the Pandora, Arthur T. Vance, editor of the Port Folio Review, the W. B. Bain, C. L. Thompson, the Spray, William T. Lee, the Atlantic, a tender owned by Isaac Dugenheim, the Pall Mall, J. J. Floherty of the Dry Goods Economist; the Target, Fred Kramer; a hydroplane owned by Clifford Barbee, and four boats of a new design owned by the Plandome Yacht Club.

CITY MAY NOT GET MORGAN ART.

Best Part of \$500,000 Collection Will Be
Sold, Says the "Times."

The City of New York is not likely to receive the \$500,000 collection of paintings and other works of art left by the late J. P. Morgan, according to the Times of this morning. It is the present intention of Mr. Morgan's son, J. P. Morgan, that paper says, to sell the major part of the valuable collection which was thought at first would become the property of the city and to give the city only a few of the objects.

It was the wish of the late Mr. Morgan that the entire collection be rendered permanently available for the instruction and education of the American people, but the ultimate disposal of the collection was left in the hands of the younger Mr. Morgan.

The present Mr. Morgan seriously considers selling the most important parts of the collection, although minor articles may be given to museums.

During a recent trip abroad it is understood that Mr. Morgan broached the matter of selling the collection to dealers abroad. It is said that tentative arrangements were made for the disposition of the principal objects of the collection at private sales to be held early in 1915.

All that Mr. Morgan himself would say, on the matter last night was that for the present there would be no sale.

TOO MUCH SPACE IN FLATS.

Cincinnati Aims to Reduce Waste-
ful Use of Rooms.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 25.—How flats may be made smaller and still be habitable, that is to say, rentable, is the question now engaging the attention of Cincinnati architects. Too much space is being wasted, in the opinion of owners, and the architects will meet this week to discuss economy in design.

There is a proposal to abolish bedrooms, in the larger sense of the word, but this does not necessarily mean that the new style of architecture will murder sleep. The plan is to provide facilities for sleeping, cooking and eating by means of cleverly designed closets surrounding a central living room.

The gross waste of space in flats is pointed out by E. J. Beall, real estate dealer, who lives in a five room flat that takes up only the area of one average sized room. Beall's flat consists entirely of closets built around the one room, which he uses as his library and parlor. A mirror is in each closet door. When Beall desires to eat he opens a door and presto! he is in his kitchen, consisting of china closet, a pantry and a gas stove, all on shelves. Behind another mirror is his dinner table folded against the wall. His bedroom and bathroom are similar triumphs of ingenuity.

Nurse Poisons Six Children.

UTICA, Jan. 25.—Two children are dead and four others are probably dying to-night as the result of the mistake of a nurse in administering carbolic acid to them in the Utica Orphan Asylum.

There are many cases of mistakes at the institution, and late to-day a physician ordered that a certain ordinary medicine should be given several of the children, but the nurse through error gave carbolic acid.

MRS. AMEND JUMPS 12 STORIES TO DEATH

Widow of Wholesale Druggist
Succeeds on Third At-
tempt in One Day.

GRIEVED FOR HER HUSBAND

She Slept Little and Told
Watchful Family "Robert
Is Calling Me."

Mrs. Josephine Benson Amend, widow of Robert F. Amend, member of the wholesale drug firm of Elmer & Amend, who died two weeks ago, committed suicide last night by jumping from a window of her apartment on the twelfth floor of the Union Apartments, at Eighty-ninth street and Central Park West.

Mrs. Amend had been very despondent since her husband's death, so much so that her maid, Frieda Kuehner, and an aunt, Mrs. Stoerza, kept constant watch on her.

Mrs. Amend tried to jump from a window twice yesterday morning, but was prevented by her brother-in-law, Otto P. Amend.

Mrs. Amend had not slept since her husband's death except for a few minutes at a time, and her daughter, Gertrude, 17 years old, and Mrs. Stoerza feared that her mind was becoming affected. She talked incoherently at times and said that she wanted to die and murmured, "Robert is calling me."

Sedatives of Little Effect.
Dr. August Seibert of 114 East Sixty-fifth street, a friend of Mrs. Amend for many years, had prescribed sedatives for her which did not seem to produce much effect. Yesterday Dr. Seibert's son called for her in the afternoon and took her for a walk in Central Park, after which she seemed to be much more cheerful.

When they returned home Mrs. Amend swallowed a quinine potion and went to bed. She got the first good sleep she had since Mr. Amend's death and awoke at 4:30 apparently refreshed and more resigned.

Later J. P. Polch, an executor of Mr. Amend's estate and an old friend, called and talked with Mrs. Amend in an effort to cheer her until 8:30 last night. After he left, however, Mrs. Amend became more nervous and despondent and her maid, Frieda, watched her carefully.

About 9 o'clock Mrs. Amend said that she wanted to go to bed, and after helping her to disrobe partly Frieda went to the kitchen to get a cup of coffee for which Mrs. Amend had asked. She told Mrs. Stoerza to keep watch while she was gone.

Mrs. Stoerza was in another room and started for Mrs. Amend's bedroom. She had only taken a few steps when she heard a cry from Frieda, who had turned as she heard a noise at the window in the parlor. Both women hurried in and saw Mrs. Amend poised on the ledge which runs around the building between the twelfth and eleventh floors.

They cried to her to come back, and sprang forward, but as they did so Mrs. Amend turned toward them for a moment and then faced outward and was gone.

There were many persons on Central Park West and many automobiles were shooting past as some one in the street gave a cry and pointed up to where Mrs. Amend was outlined on the ledge against the light of the moon within.

And then she shot downward, turning over head down, and alighted just beyond the sidewalk.

Several women screamed and had to be led away by their escorts and a crowd gathered at a distance as Policeman Pope pushed his way through and then sent a call for an ambulance. Dr. Tobin of the Polyclinic Hospital responded, but said that Mrs. Amend had been instantly killed.

Coroner P. D. Riordan was called and after he had seen the body gave permission for it to be removed to the Amend apartment.

Robert F. Amend died suddenly of paralysis on January 7. He was a son of Bernhard G. Amend, the founder of the firm of Elmer & Amend. He was second vice-president of the German Exchange Bank. He was 51 years old. Mrs. Amend, who was considered by her friends a handsome woman, was 40.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DOG'S FUNERAL.

Fido Would Take a Tent in His
Mouth for the Collection.

ARLINGTON, Ohio, Jan. 25.—In a basket covered with flowers Fido, who had a record for attendance at St. Peter's Episcopal Sunday school, was buried to-day in the lawn surrounding the home of his owner, Dr. W. C. Cross.

Fido, a mongrel, had attended St. Peter's Sunday school regularly for ten years and always took his cent for the collection plate, carrying it in his mouth. He would enter the church, walk down the aisle to the infant class seats and remain throughout the session, without a bark or a whine. Children wept at the burial.

The Noma is now in the yards of the Staten Island Shipbuilding Company at Mariners' Harbor. New boilers are to be installed, her engines overhauled and a new peak deckhouse one foot higher than the old one is to be built. She is to be painted inside and out. When the shipbuilders are done she will be refurnished. The cost will be at least \$100,000.

TO CUT 178 CARAT DIAMOND.

Owner Unable to Sell South African
Stone in London.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Jan. 25.—Howler, the English diamond digger, who arrived in London late in December with a diamond of the first water weighing 1784 carats, which had been found at Droogeveld, South Africa, has been unable to sell his stone here in the rough. He has decided, therefore, to send it to Amsterdam to be cut. The ability to sell the diamond will depend on the success achieved in cutting it. It has been decided to cut it into a single stone.

The diamond is said to resemble the famous Kohinoor.

"CATCH MY PAL" MAN BACK.

The Rev. R. J. Patterson May Start
Temperance Movement in U. S.

The Rev. Robert J. Patterson, originator of the "Catch my pal" temperance movement, arrived yesterday from Queensbury by the White Star liner Cedric, taking a berth in the second cabin, because there were many more voyagers there to influence with exhortations and buttons.

He is here as the guest of the National Reform Association, which, it is said, may introduce the Pattersonian methods in its work in this country.

"LOOPING" AVIATOR KILLED.

George Lee Temple Breaks Neck in
Fall Near London.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Jan. 25.—George Lee Temple, a twenty-two-year-old aviator, who was one of the first in England to imitate Peugeot's feat of looping the loop when he performed this stunt on November 24 last, fell at the Hendon aerodrome to-day and was instantly killed.

He had been doing "spirals" and was about to descend when a gust of wind upset the machine and it fell 150 feet. The aviator's neck was broken.

POULTRY CULTURE IN SCHOOL.

Oak Grove, Mo., Pupils Study Practical
Incubation Methods.

OAK GROVE, Mo., Jan. 25.—The first Missouri high school to incorporate poultry culture as a part of the regular school curriculum on a practical basis is located here.

Prof. J. F. Byholder, the principal, and his class in poultry husbandry have begun operating a 150 egg incubator in the basement of the school building and have a Barred Plymouth Rock hen sitting on fifteen eggs in the same room to test out both methods of incubation. The poultry and agricultural recitation room is located in the basement and has five large south-east windows. Next to it is a room ten by twenty-five feet, without a floor, which is used as the hatching room.

ALPONSO GOING TO ARGENTINA.

To Make Acquaintance of Country—
Commercial Relations May Benefit.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
MADRID, Jan. 25.—A newspaper here quotes Premier Dato as saying that King Alfonso will go to Argentina in June "to make the acquaintance of a country whither so many Spaniards have emigrated who remain profoundly attached to the motherland."

The King will be accompanied by the Premier and the Minister of Marine. He will sail on a modern Spanish liner and will be escorted by warships. He is expected to be absent two months.

Premier Dato thinks the visit will be useful in promoting commercial relations between Spain and Argentina.

FIVE DEAD IN RAILROAD CRASH.

Twenty Also Injured on Michigan
Central Is Report.

JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 25.—Five persons were killed and a score injured in a wreck on the Michigan Central Railroad between this city and River Junction late to-night, according to an unconfirmed report which reached here.

A wrecking train carrying doctors has been sent to the scene.

A ROOSEVELT PAINTS KINTORE.

Second Cousin of Ex-President Mak-
ing Portrait of Earl.

S. Montgomery Roosevelt, a second cousin of Theodore Roosevelt and a well known painter, is making a portrait of the Earl of Kintore, the British Commissioner, who is in this country in the interests of the celebration of 100 years of peace between the United States and Great Britain. The work is being done at Mr. Roosevelt's studio, 58 West Fifty-seventh street.

Mr. Roosevelt is a graduate of the Art Students League and a pupil of Benjamin Constant. He was a friend of Sargent, Whistler and other great artists.

JUROR HELPS INDICT HIMSELF.

Then Pleads Guilty in Court and
Saves the Lawyers Trouble.

ST. MARY'S, W. Va., Jan. 25.—James Severn, on the charge of disturbing religious worship, was indicted by the grand jury on which he was serving yesterday. He was forced with the others to deliberate over his own indictment. Lawyers declare that such a thing never happened before.

Severn pleaded guilty to the charge at a trial before Judge Woods. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs and to undergo three months imprisonment. The imprisonment was suspended on condition of Severn's good behavior.

The case at first puzzled attorneys but Severn cleared the matter by admitting his guilt.

FRESH AIR FOR ALL THEIR AIM.

Jane Addams and Others Incorporate
Society for Ventilation.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—With the purpose of having plenty of fresh air supplied to every gathering of people in church, theatre, schoolroom or factory, the National Fresh Air For All Association has been incorporated with the Secretary of State.

Moving picture shows, some of which have defiled the Health Department and avoided the law, will be the first to be regulated, says Kate F.